



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Cedar Fire Department
8907 Railroad Ave.
PO Box 208
Cedar, MI 49621



Mission Statement

To serve our community by providing effective emergency response services with professionalism and excellence that will minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies and other hazardous conditions.

Fire Department Overview

The Cedar Fire Department (a.k.a. Solon – Centerville Fire Department) has been proudly serving our citizens since 1947. The Cedar Fire Department serves Solon Township and Centerville Township and contracts with Kasson Township and Cleveland Townships for our services. The fire department has an I.S.O. rating of 9-10. A joint fire - board of 10 members from Solon and Centerville Townships govern the department along with the Fire Chief. The Cedar Fire Department operates with 23 members capable of firefighting, emergency medical services and other skills to serve our community. The Department is comprised with our Fire Division, Training Division and EMS Division. There are 3 full-time Firefighter/EMT – B's that work rotating shifts 7 days a week from 6 am – 6 pm. Week nights are supplemented with Paid on Call personnel to provide Emergency Medical Services. Our paid on call staff is imperative for all fire and rescue operations, as well as EMS. The department is a 24/7 transporting ambulance agency with a Basic E.M.S. license and is contracted to North Flight Advanced Life Support services when needed. The command structure consists of the following:

Fire Board
Fire Chief
Asst. Chief
3 Captains including Rescue Captain
1 Lieutenant
Firefighters/EMT's

Per the 2010 Census Bureau, the Cedar Fire Department (CFD) serves 5,531 citizens. Summer residents and heavy tourism boosts the population greatly from Memorial Day to Labor Day annually. This number accounts for 25.42% of Leelanau County's population. CFD covers 121.1 (72.5%) square miles of land and 45.8 (34.8%) square miles of water totaling to 167 square miles of response area. The coverage area equates to 21% area of Leelanau County. CFD covers the most square miles, second in population and second in run numbers with the lowest operating budget in the county.



FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The year 2015 proved to be a busy year for the fire department with responding to almost 650 fire and EMS calls. Along with that we participated in several training sessions including an ice rescue class with the U S Coast Guard, Leland Fire Dept. and Suttons Bay Bingham Fire Dept. Two of our full time fire fighters attended and completed fire officer training. Unfortunately we lost two long time members and officers this past year with Steve Ward and Bob Schopieray leaving the department after decades of dedicated service to our community. With that happening Fire Fighter / EMT-P Keith O'Neil was promoted to Captain / Training Officer and Fire Fighter / EMT-B Tim Johnson was promoted to Lieutenant. Due to the generosity of the Cedar Fire and Rescue Association we now have a new RTV to be used for off road use in fighting grass fires and performing rescues in remote areas that was put into service this past summer. The association is funded through memorial donations and fund raising events.

As you may know a long range planning committee that I initiated in August of 2010 has come full circle with the establishment of a new four township commitment to operating the fire department and creating a new entity to known as Cedar Area Fire & Rescue that will take over operations of the fire department on April 1st of this year. This is a positive move that will benefit all four townships by establishing a ten year commitment to funding the fire department and giving us the ability to make long range plans to insure proper staffing, training and equipment replacement to name a few. I commend all four townships for the work and planning that they did to make this happen.

We have wanted to man the station 24/7 and this new venture will give us the ability to do so but we will need your help to make it happen through an increase in our millage request. This millage request will allow us to build sleeping quarters at the station, hire more full time staff and establish a capital improvement fund to start replacing fire trucks that are 30 years old and an ambulance that is 19 years old. Last year 75% of our call volume was ambulance calls and 45% of them were at night between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. so you can see the need for having people in the station 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We currently man the station 12 hours a day 7 days a week with the nights being covered by the EMT's and MFR's from their homes and this costs valuable time in getting the ambulance to the patient. So I strongly urge you to approve the millage request when you vote this year.

As always I am very pleased to serve as your fire chief and I with all of the members of the department truly appreciate the support that we receive from the community and look forward to continuing to make this a safe community to work, live and play in.

Sincerely,

Dan Petroskey

Statistical Summary

The Cedar Fire Department responded to **642** emergency calls. Emergency Medical Runs totaled to 472 responses with 177 of those requiring medical transports to the hospital. On top of the 472 ambulance responses, we responded to 170 fire runs. The year 2015 brought a call volume increase of 101 calls compared to 541 calls in 2014. Mutual Aid was given and received 30 times.

EMERGENCY CALLS	TOTAL
Medical Responses/Stand By	472
Structure Fires	20
Vehicle Fires	5
Wildland Fires	25
Explosion (No Fire)	1
Medical Assist of Fire Personnel	1
Vehicle Accidents	39 (5 Requiring Extrication)
Search and Rescues	2
Hazardous Conditions	48
Gas Leaks	5
Service Calls	5
False Alarms	17
Good Intent Calls	1
Severe Weather Emergency	1
TOTAL	642 EMERGENCY CALLS

CALLS PER TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP	EMS	FIRE	TOTAL
Solon Township	150	54	204
Centerville Township	70	29	99
Kasson Township	146	51	197
Cleveland Township	89	23	112
Other (Mutual Aid)	17	13	30
TOTAL	472	170	642

Apparatus

The Cedar Fire Department operates with the following apparatus:

- Two Basic Life Support Ambulance
- Two 2,000 gallon tankers
- One 1,000 gallon, 4 wheel drive engine
- One 55 ft. Aerial truck
- One Wildland Brush truck
- One 2002 Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ trailer and rescue sled
- One ORV with firefighting capability and trailer

All apparatus are maintained and inspected weekly by the full time duty crew. These inspections ensure that the apparatus and equipment is functioning and ready for any emergency at any time of the day. All employees train and operate the apparatus extensively for the upmost proficiency in an emergency situation. To operate apparatus, an employee must attend and pass an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course along with a written test and driving test.

Cedar Professional Fire Fighters **I.A.F.F. Local 4953**

The Cedar Professional Fire Fighters and the Cedar Fire Board successfully negotiated a 3 year contract starting in January 2015.

Personnel

801 - Fire Chief Dan Petroskey
802 – Asst. Fire Chief Steve Ward
803 – Rescue Captain Rob Dezelski
804 – Captain/Training Officer Bob Schopieray
805 – Captain Barry Mazurek
P. 1 – FF Albin Rosinski
P. 2 – FF/MFR Larry Petroskey
P. 7 – FF/EMTB Shaun Beady
P. 8 – FF Mark Zientek
P. 9 – FF/MFR Brian Dezelski
P. 11 – FF/EMTP Jeff Friend
P. 12 – FF/EMTB Herb Sudemann *
P. 13 –
P. 16 – FF/EMTB Eric Clone
P. 17 – FF/EMTB – Sean Campillo *
P. 18 – FF Jason Morio
P. 20 – FF Kevin Mikowski
P. 21 – FF Ben Popa
P. 22 – FF/EMTB Tim Johnson *
P. 24 – EMTB Kim Ward
P. 25 – FF Austin Novak
P. 26 – FF Brent Garvin

**Full Time Employee*

Part Time Employees

- FF/EMTA – Mike Ball
- FF/EMTA – Bob Podleski
- FF/EMTP – Keith O’Neil
- FF/EMTB – Steve Watson
- FF/EMTA – Don McMullen

The three full time hourly employees are on rotating schedules to cover the station 7 days a week. The rotating schedules are 12 hour shifts totaling 96 hours every two weeks. Part time employees are utilized to fill in gaps in the full time schedule rotation. The goal of this schedule is to maintain a manned station to decrease response times, improving coverage and increasing productivity at the station. Paid on call staff are paid hourly for every call they respond to as well as training, meetings and education. The Chief and Asst. Chief are part time salaried employees for their various duties, meetings and functions in and out of the department.

Training/Education

This year the Cedar Fire Department has faced challenging, educational and skill increasing training sessions.

Every month, the Cedar EMS Division holds required continuing education credits for our member's EMS licensure. This EMS training includes and is not limited to First Trauma Care, Airway Basics and C.P.R./A.E.D. This training helps make the Cedar Fire Department EMS division competent and ready to handle all medical emergencies within our realm of care.

The Cedar Fire Division also conducts monthly trainings to develop and prepare firefighters for skills used on the fire ground.

The Fire Department also conducts station tours and educational seminars for Glen Lake Schools. This gives students and teachers an opportunity to learn about fire safety and prevention. The students participate in our public safety outreach program and can see first hand the department's apparatus and ask questions about the fire service.

Inter-Local Agreement

The Cedar Fire Department adopted an Inter-Local Agreement between Solon, Centerville, Kasson and Cleveland townships. This Inter-Local Agreement will create the Cedar Area Fire/Rescue and be governed by a new fire board consisting of 1 representative from each of the four townships and 1 member at large. This Inter-Local Agreement is supported by the members of the fire department and the firefighter's union. Cedar Area Fire/Rescue will be officially running on April 1st, 2016.

Cedar Area Fire Board

Solon Township – Dan Leach
Kasson Township – Greg Julian*
Cleveland Township – Tim Stein**
Centerville Township – Dave Wurm
Member at Large – John Depuy

*- Chairman

** - Vice Chairman

Cedar Fire Department Information

Solon – Centerville Fire Board Members

Solon Township Representatives

Supervisor Jim Lautner

Trustee Ron Novak

Clerk Shirley Mikowski

Treasurer Joan Gauthier

Trustee George Rosinski

Centerville Township Representatives

Supervisor Leonard Kelenski

Trustee Jim Schwantes

Trustee Fred Peplinski

Clerk Dave Wurm

Treasurer Katrina Pleva

The Cedar Fire Department is located in the heart of beautiful Leelanau County next to the Victoria Creek in the Polish historical town of Cedar. Our fire station is open to the public everyday from 8am to 4pm. Visitors are more than welcome and station tours are encouraged.